

HALL DEFENSE HINTS 'REAL' KILLER

Fear Di Martini Move Is a Trick To Learn Plans

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SOMERVILLE, N. J., Oct. 11.—The first indication that the defense in the Hall-Mills case will not rest with a merely negative line of evidence in the trials next month was given today by Timothy Pfeiffer, personal attorney to Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall.

Mrs. Hall, with Willie and Henry Stevens, her brothers, and Henry de la Bruyere Carpenter, their cousin, have been indicted for the murders four years ago of the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Mills.

To Seek "Real" Slayers

In commenting upon a report that investigators for the defense were seeking evidence to link persons other than the four defendants with the crime, Mr. Pfeiffer said:—

"I cannot reveal just now what the line of defense will be. I will say we shall not be satisfied merely to prove that it was not our clients who committed the crime."

Asserting the defense intended to use Felix Di Martini, Mrs. Hall's private detective, as a trial witness, the New York lawyer said that he and her associates were fighting Di Martini's extradition (as accessory to the murder) to Jersey only because they feared the prosecution would try to learn from the detective the lines along which the Hall-Stevens counsel would oppose the state's contentions of guilt.

Wants Orderly Procedure

"The defense always has intended to produce Di Martini as a



Alexander Simpson T. N. Pfeiffer

witness at the trials," Mr. Pfeiffer said. "What we will not do is to allow the prosecution to get him and submit him to the same obnoxious sort of questioning that has been used on other witnesses in the case."

Pfeiffer's assertion as to the prosecution's motives in seeking Di Martini's custody was made as lawyers for the private detective prepared to file briefs before Supreme Court Justice Callaghan in Brooklyn opposing the execution of an extradition warrant signed by Gov. Smith last Thursday. A decision is expected this afternoon.

Will Not Come Voluntarily

Pfeiffer declared that Di Martini would not come to New Jersey voluntarily.

Prosecutor Simpson told reporters that in searching the home of Henry Stevens in Lavalette he sought to prove that Stevens was in the "habit of carrying knives." He finally admitted that his agents had seized several letters.

"There is nothing in Henry Stevens's home that he is not willing the whole world should see," Pfeiffer declared. "The only letters which he might have from any person connected with the case were correspondence from Mrs. Hall regarding the Willie Stevens fund, of which they are the trustees."

The raiding party at the Stevens home seized also an old fishing knife, a broken razor, two kitchen knives and a child's saw.

Settles Her "\$100,000 Face" Suit

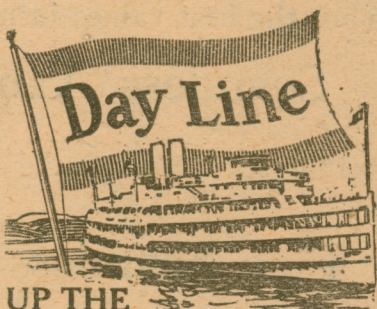


HELEN LEE WORTHING, motion picture actress, has settled her suit against a perfume company, charging that it used her picture as a trade-mark in advertisements without her consent. Miss Worthing asked \$100,000 damages, but now all is over. It is understood the company will continue to use the portrait.

PITTSBURGH BLUE LAWS HALT SUNDAY FOOTBALL

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 11 (By U. P.).—The blue laws of 1794 were called out to put a stop to three football games here yesterday which are considered "disorderly" by the police. "Quiet" sports were unmolested.

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Mrs. Hall Will Be Near Willie in Mental Collapse

By JACK MILEY

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Oct. 11.—The rapidly failing health of Willie Stevens has caused Mrs. Frances S. Hall, his sister, to make plans to move to Somerville, where she will share the home of Mrs. Henry Stevens, her sister-in-law, it was learned here today.

Confined in a narrow cell in the Somerville jail on the Hall-Mills murder charge since August 12, Willie is on the verge of a mental breakdown, a friend of the family declared. A New York alienist has been called.

Mrs. Hall, widow of the slain pastor and co-guardian with Henry Stevens of Willie's \$140,000 fortune, has been extremely anxious for her brother's welfare.

Held in another cell tier, Henry Carpenter, Willie's cousin, communicates with him by a "grapevine" code.

Mrs. Stevens, whose husband also is locked up, recently moved into a modest cottage in Somerville.

AUTO LICENSES REVOKED

ALBANY, Oct. 11.—During the first ten days of September 536 automobile registration certificates and licenses to drive were revoked or suspended.

SEEK FUNDS FOR HOSPITAL

A drive for \$100,000 to aid the Jewish Home for Convalescents at Grandview-on-the-Hudson was begun yesterday.

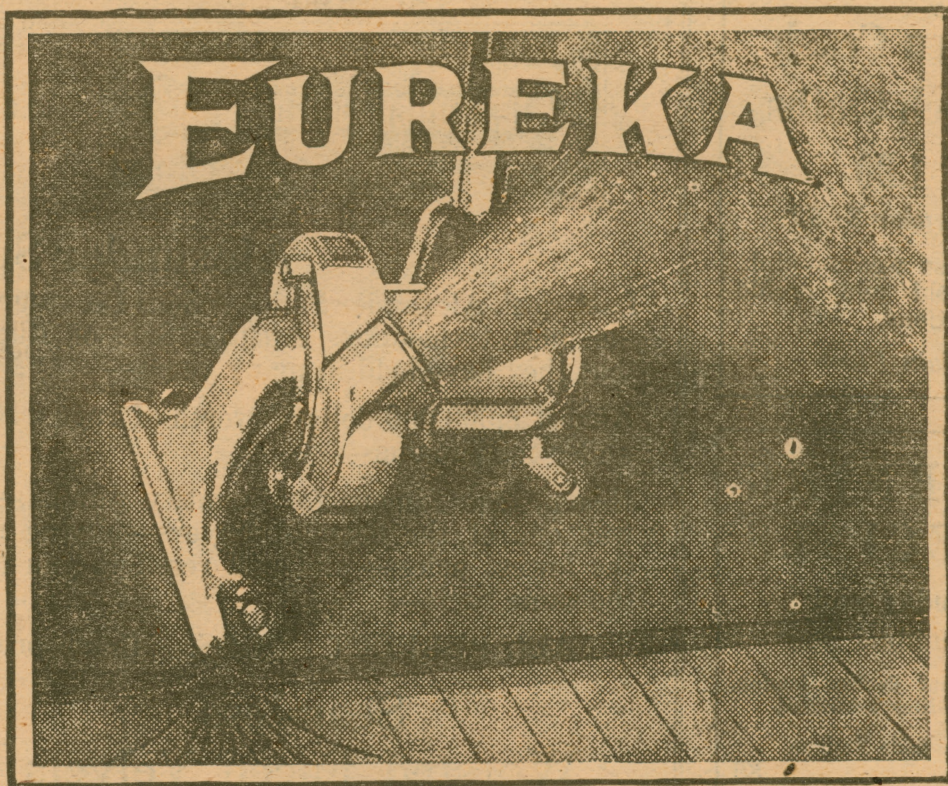
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